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OF THE  
**Medical Officer of Health**  
AND  
**Chief Public Health Inspector**  
FOR THE YEAR  
1964



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# URBAN DISTRICT OF NORTHALLERTON

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1965-66

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*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Northallerton Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report of the health of the district for the year 1964.

In the field of environmental hygiene, excellent progress has been maintained. The East Road redevelopment is in progress. There are now no known unfit houses in the Town.

Steady work continues to be done in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations. I must stress that although the Council can insist upon certain standards regarding accommodation and equipment, the general public can make the major effect by refusing to tolerate insanitary methods of food handling. Much work was involved in tracing possibly infected cans, following the Aberdeen Typhoid outbreak.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DIGGLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

# SECTION A

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### (a) General Statistics.

Position .. .. .	Latitude 54° 21' N. Longitude 1° 26' W.
Elevation above sea level (Mean) .. .	125 feet
Rainfall (average) Oakdale Gauge .. .	26 inches
Area .. .. .	3,653 acres
Population (1931 census) .. .	4,787
Population (1951 census) .. .	6,087
Population (1961 census) .. .	6,720
Registrar General's Estimate of Population 1964	6,720
Number of inhabited houses (1931) .. .	1,215
Number of inhabited houses (1964) .. .	2,377
Rateable Value of District (April 1965) .. .	£278,865
Product of a Penny Rate .. .	£1,125

### (b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit	Illegit	Total	Legit	Illegit
Live Births ..	62	59	3	52	46	6
Still Births ..	1	1	—	1	1	—
Infant Deaths—						
Under 1 year	1	1	—	4	3	1
Under 4 weeks	1	1	—	3	2	1
Under 1 week	1	1	—	3	2	1

### CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, Respiratory .. ..	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	4	—	4
Vascular Lesions Nervous System ..	1	5	6
Coronary Disease, Angina .. ..	15	7	22
Other Heart Disease .. ..	5	2	7
Other Circulatory Disease .. ..	2	1	3
Pneumonia .. ..	3	2	5
Bronchitis .. ..	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Brest .. ..	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .. ..	—	2	2
Ulcer, Stomach and Deodenum ..	1	—	1
Other Defined and Illdefined Diseases ..	1	5	6
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	3	2	5
Motor Vehicle Accident .. ..	1	1	2
Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diaarhoea ..	1	—	1
All other Accidents .. ..	1	1	2
<b>Total Deaths (all causes) .. ..</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>68</b>

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.

## **SECTION B**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA**

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

#### **Laboratory Facilities.**

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

#### **Ambulance Facilities.**

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road.

#### **Hospital Facilities.**

Local Hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of Northallerton residents are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough Hospitals.

#### **Nursing in the Homes.**

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with the day to day administration dealt with by the Wensleydale Area Local Health Sub-Committee. The staff operating in the Northallerton area comprises two District Nurse/Midwives and one Health Visitor.

#### **Domestic Help Service.**

This is provided by the County Council, the day to day administration again being dealt with by the Area Sub-Committee, through the Area Medical Officer.

## **SECTION C**

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

## **SECTION D**

### **HOUSING.**

During the year 67 houses were built by the Council. Some 16 unfit houses were vacated during the year and were either closed or demolished.

At present there remains no unfit houses in Northallerton.

## SECTION E

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

## SECTION F

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Infectious diseases notified	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	—	1

## **PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1964**

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September, 1965.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Northallerton Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman, and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to submit my nineteenth Annual Report. This gives details of the work done during the year ending 31st December, 1964.

It is satisfactory to report that the clearance or closure of all known unfit dwellinghouses is now completed, a further 16 unfit houses were officially closed during the year and 34 persons were re-housed. This brings the total of unfit dwellinghouses dealt with since 1958 to 184 and 168 families consisting of 434 persons have been re-housed in this period.

Progress was made in the Improvement Grant Areas Nos. 1 and 2. Details of the schemes are referred to in the report.

At the slaughterhouse 6,175 animals were presented for slaughter and post-mortem examinations were carried out in every case, thus achieving 100% meat inspection. Every effort is made to ensure that meat inspection is carried out in accordance with the Regulations, all carcasses are stamped indicating that they have been inspected and passed as fit for human consumption.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the help and support that I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council, Chief Officials and staff in general.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CORNICK,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

### General Inspection of Premises.

110 Inspections and 811 re-inspections of premises were made during the year under the Public Health and Housing Acts.

167 informal notices were served upon the owners or occupiers of property representing 487 defects. In the majority of cases these were abated without further action being necessary.

20 notices entailing 29 public health nuisances outstanding from 1963 were complied during 1964.

144 notices served during the year entailing 449 defects were complied.

There were 26 notices 42 entailing defects outstanding at the end of 1964.

The total number of defects remedied during the year was 478.

### Analysis of Inspections, 1964.

#### Public Health and Housing Acts.

##### Under Public Health Act—

Number of houses inspected	.. .. .	88
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Number of houses re-inspected	.. .. .	145
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##### Under Housing Acts—

Number of houses inspected	.. .. .	22
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Number of houses re-inspected	.. .. .	550
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Other Public Health Act Inspections	.. .. .	116
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Complaints	.. .. .	100
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Miscellaneous Housing Visits	.. .. .	121
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Total	..	1,142
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**Food and Drugs Act.**

Public Slaughterhouse Day Inspections	..	..	1,113
Public Slaughterhouse Evening Inspections	..	..	89
Food Hygiene Regulations	..	..	280
Butchers	..	..	39
Market Stalls	..	..	94
Fruiterers	..	..	1
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	46
Ice Cream and other Food Samples	..	..	9
Confectioners	..	..	20
Grocers	..	..	73
Restaurants	..	..	37
Bakehouses	..	..	9
Fish Shops	..	..	18
Licensed Premises	..	..	2
Miscellaneous Food Visits	..	..	70
Total			1,900

**Sundry Inspections.**

Swimming Bath Samples	..	..	12
Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	7
Water Samples	..	..	10
Drainage	..	..	312
Knackers Yard	..	..	4
Caravan Sites	..	..	77
Offices, Shops	..	..	1
Factories	..	..	7
Refuse Disposal	..	..	16
Rodent Control	..	..	822
Interviews	..	..	617
Miscellaneous	..	..	217
Total			2,192
Total number of inspections made during the year			5,234

## HOUSING STATISTICS

### 1. Houses erected during the year.

	With Subsidy	Without Subsidy	Total
(a) By Local Authority ..	67	—	67
(b) By Private Enterprise ..	—	29	29
Total ..			96

### 2. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :—

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	110
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	805
Total number of houses in district .. .. .	2,377

### 3. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961-64.

There were 26 applications received for Discretionary Grants and 5 applications for Standard Grants during 1964, this is the same number as in the previous year. 18 applications were from owner occupiers and 13 applications for tenanted property.

It may be of interest, to record the progress that has been made on the re-conditioning of houses in the Improvement Grant Areas No. 1 and 2 since the first intimation was given to the owners of the houses in December, 1962. Details are given in the following tables.

The Improvement Grant Areas, which involved 108 houses, have been quite successful and both owners and tenants have played their part. There is, as can be imagined, some inconvenience to the occupants while these major alterations are in progress but, the end product is very worthwhile and the additional amenities are greatly appreciated by the occupants.

# IMPROVEMENT GRANT AREA No. 1.

Location	Number of Houses	Number of Houses Improved to Grant Standard	Number of Houses where Grants are approved and work is in progress	Where Owners have not applied for Grant	Number of Houses Purchased by L.A.
Ivy Cottages .. ..	34	20	10	4 one owner ill	5
Victoria Terrace .. ..	26	22	3	1	5
Rose Cottages .. ..	6	4	—	2 owners ill	—
Beaconsfield Street .. ..	12	11	1	—	5
Malpas Road .. ..	10	4	6	—	9
Alaverton Lane .. ..	4	1	3	—	2
TOTALS .. ..	92	62	23	7	26

# IMPROVEMENT GRANT AREA No. 2.

Location	Number of Houses	Number of Houses Improved to Grant Standard	Number of Houses where Grants are approved and work is in progress	Where Owners have not applied for Grant	Number of Houses Purchased by L.A.
251 to 266 High Street .. (Church Green)	16	13	—	2 aged tenants	2 Houses made into one one House

The following table indicates total expenditure incurred for the twenty-six applications for discretionary grants.

Total Expenditure	Repairs	Improvements and Professional Fees	Grant applied for	Grant allowed
£ s. d. 20,527 10 11	£. s. d. 1,341 0 6	£ s. d. 19,186 10 5	£ s. d. 8,876 0 0	£ s. d. 8,065 0 0

## HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

### A. Houses Demolished.

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
<b>In clearance Areas</b>			
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation..	—	—	—
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ..	—	—	—
(3) Houses on land acquired under section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	—	—	—
<b>Not in Clearance Areas</b>			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—	—
(5) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health ..	—	—	—
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts ..	—	—	—
(7) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders ..	—	—	—
Number of dwellings included above which were previously reported closed ..	—		
<b>B. Unfit Houses Closed</b>	Number		
(8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957 ..	7	9	7
(9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—	—
(10) Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—	—

**C. Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which defects were remedied.**

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(11) After informal action by local authority ..	92	—
(12) After formal notice under—		
(a) Public Health Acts .. .. .	—	—
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—
(13) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 ..	—	—

	No. of houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
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**D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)**

Position at end of year—

(14) Retained for temporary accommodation—		
(a) Under Section 48 .. .. .	—	—
(b) under Section 17 (2) .. .. .	—	—
(c) under Section 46 .. .. .	—	—
(15) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 .. .. .	—	—

	No. of houses (1)	No. of occupants of houses in column (1) (2)
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**E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement**

(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year	9	25
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**Dwelling Houses Unfit for Human Habitation.**

As reported in the 1955 Annual Report it was estimated that there were 150 dwelling houses in the area which were unfit for human habitation.

This figure was amended to 184, these houses have now all been demolished or closed and the families re-housed.

It may be of interest to note that all these houses have been dealt with since 1958 and 168 families consisting of 434 persons have been re-housed by the Local Authority.

It is pleasing to report that to the best of my knowledge the clearance of unfit dwelling houses is now completed and I feel that this has been done in a reasonably short space of time since the work was commenced.

# **FACTORIES ACT, 1961.**

## **Part 1 of the Act.**

### **1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health** (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	5	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies— .. .. .	51	15	1	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (ex- cluding out-workers' premises) .. .. .	6	6	Nil	Nil
Total .. .. .	62	22	1	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	T.H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S1.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S2.)	"	"	"	"	"
Unreasonable temperature (S3.)	"	"	"	"	"
Inadequate ventilation (S4.)	"	"	"	"	"
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6.)	"	"	"	"	"
Sanitary Conveniences (S7.)					
(a) Insufficient	"	"	"	"	"
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	"	1	"
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	"	Nil	"
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	"	"	"	"	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

# OUTWORK.

Sections 133 and 134.

Nature of work (1)	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 133(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel { Making, etc. . . Cleansing and Washing . .	Nil —	Nil —	Nil —	Nil —	Nil —	Nil —
<b>Total</b> ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

## WATER SUPPLY, 1964

1. The Northallerton and Dales Water Board supply water in bulk to the Northallerton Urban District Council and provide a wholesome supply of chlorinated and filtered water.

I am informed by the Engineer and Manager of the Northallerton and Dales Water Board that 1964 proved to be the driest year on record at Osmotherley. The annual rainfall being only 20.01 inches and the use of hosepipes and sprinklers had to be banned from the 21st October, 1964 to 22nd February, 1965.

The quality of the water has been satisfactory during the year.

The daily average consumption of water is 390,000 gallons.

2. During the year 10 samples of treated water were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination, these proved satisfactory, also one sample of treated water was taken and submitted for chemical analysis. The result is appended.
3. The water that is delivered into supply has no plumbo-solvent action.
4. No action was taken in respect of any form of contamination.
5. There are 2,377 dwellinghouses and 6,720 people are supplied with water from the Public watermains. All the dwellinghouses are connected to the Public watermains.

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

					<i>Parts per Million</i>
Free Ammonia	..	..	..	..	0.02
Albuminoid Ammonia	..	..	..	..	0.05
Chlorine as Chlorides	..	..	..	..	15.0
Nitrogen as Nitrates & Nitrites	..	..	..	..	0.15
<b>Total Solids</b>	..	..	..	..	<hr/> 160
Oxygen absorption	..	..	..	..	<hr/> 0.62
Temporary Hardness	..	..	..	..	4
Permanent Hardness	..	..	..	..	65
<b>Total Hardness</b>	..	..	..	..	<hr/> 69
Colour and appearance in 2 ft. tube	..	..	..	..	Colourless and clear
Odour when heated to 50°C.	..	..	..	..	Nil
pH value	..	..	..	..	<hr/> 7.1

### **Public Swimming Baths.**

The War Memorial Swimming Baths were officially opened by Lady Masham on the 3rd June, 1961. The Pool is a reinforced concrete structure with tile finish. The size is 75 feet x 30 feet wide. 3 feet deep at the shallow end, falling to 8 feet 6 inches at the deep end.

The accommodation in the changing rooms include 10 changing cubicles each for men and women, with additional changing accommodation for use of parties.

The heating of the Bath water is carried out electrically through an electrically heated Boiler located in the Plant Room. Also included in the Plant Room are the rapid filters, chlorination plant, and aeration equipment through which the Bath water passes once every four hours and is then discharged through the shallow end of the Bath, as warmed, purified and treated water.

During the year 12 samples of Bath water were taken for Bacteriological examination, these all proved satisfactory.

### **REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL**

Weekly collection of domestic refuse was maintained throughout the district except in some outlying premises. This work is increasing due to the extension of new houses. Every two weeks refuse is collected from Bullamoor and Hailstone Moor areas.

The refuse tip on the Yafforth Road continues to be used, the tipping consists of crude dumping into a water filled disused clay pit. Although this is not an ideal method of disposal every effort is made to keep the tip in a tidy condition.

The clay pit is now nearly full and further tipping space will be required. The Local Authority have considered this problem and have bought the adjoining fields. They will commence tipping over the whole of the tip, and adjoining fields, to a depth of approximately 6 feet, this will enable the site to be used for a much longer period. When this is done the tipping will require much more supervision and controlled tipping must be carried out to minimise the possibility of nuisance.

The surface of the refuse tip is covered with any suitable material that becomes available.

The total annual cost for the collection and disposal of refuse for 1964 was £5,094.

### **SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE**

The sewage works were completely modernised during 1963, and have new sedimentation tanks, filters and humas tanks. The sewerage from Northallerton is now adequately treated and the works are producing a satisfactory effluent.

During the year a new trunk sewer was laid in that part of the High Street from the Town Hall to the roundabout and westward to the Applegarth. This work was done to replace the old defective brick barrel sewer.

The public sewers were extended during the year to serve Byland Avenue, Hutchinson Drive, Mowbray Road, stage 2, Oak Grove and Winston Court.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The table below indicates the different types of food premises within the Urban District.

Type of Premises	Number
Grocers and General Dealers ..	18
Bakehouses .. .. .	5
Market (open) .. .. .	1
Fruiterers .. .. .	2
Catering Establishments .. .. .	9
Canteen .. .. .	1
Confectioners .. .. .	15
Licensed Premises .. .. .	18

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows :—

For the manufacture of potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods—

Butchers .. .. .	10
Ice Cream Manufacturers .. .. .	2
Ice Cream Retailers .. .. .	28
Fish Products Manufacturers .. .. .	1
Fish Friers .. .. .	4

339 visits were made to premises where food is prepared or sold.

All food premises in the town have been inspected since the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955-57, came into force. The occupiers of these premises have received pamphlets and detailed information regarding the requirements of the regulations. Advice is given to the occupiers on food hygiene in the light of circumstances as is found at the time of inspections.

The method of disposal of condemned carcase meat and associated offals, is by the removal of the same from the Public Slaughterhouse, after adequate staining with green dye, by a firm who render the materials into fertilisers.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by burying on the refuse tip

### **Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947-52.**

There are two manufacturers of Ice Cream and 28 Retailers in the area who are registered with the Local Authority.

The firms carry out the requirements of the regulations and endeavour to produce Ice Cream hygienically as the samples which have been taken over the last few years indicate.

4 samples of Ice Cream were taken during the year and submitted for examination and were reported upon satisfactorily.

### **Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.**

The Local Authority own the Public Slaughterhouse and undertake the duty of slaughtering and have a staff of three slaughtermen for this work. They dispose of all offal except red offal.

There were 6,175 animals slaughtered during the year.

The charges made by the Council which have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, are as follows :—

Cattle .. .. .	22/6
Sheep .. .. .	4/6
Calves .. .. .	6/-
Pigs up to 120 lbs. ..	7/6
120 lbs. to 200 lbs. ..	10/6
over 200 lbs. .. ..	14/-
Sows and boars 120 lbs. to 300 lbs. ..	20/-
over 300 lbs. .. ..	25/-
50% increase for Sunday, and Bank Holiday slaughtering.	

### **Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.**

This act came into operation on the 1st August, 1958, and provided for the making of regulations to secure hygienic construction, lay-out and equipment for slaughterhouses.

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, came into operation on the 1st January, 1959, with the exception of Parts II and III of the Hygiene Regulations, these parts, came into operation on the 1st January, 1961.

In accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Act each Local Authority were required to review and after consultation with such organisations as appear to the authority to represent the interests concerned, to report to the Minister on the following :—

- (a) the existing and probable future requirements of their district for slaughterhouse facilities having regard to the needs both of persons requiring the use of such facilities and of other persons ; and
- (b) the slaughterhouse facilities which are, or are likely to become, available to meet those requirements.

This report was prepared and considered by the Local Authority and later submitted to the Regional Controller, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Local Authority recommended that the 1st January, 1961, should be the day appointed by the Minister for the construction regulations to apply to the Public Slaughterhouse. This date was confirmed by the Ministry.

To meet the full requirements of the above regulations the Council authorised making alterations to the existing Public Slaughterhouse and the building of complete new lairage.

This work commenced in August, 1959, and was completed during 1960.

### **The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.**

During 1963 the above Regulations were received and replaced the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, they came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. The introduction of these new Regulations should provide the means to give to the Government's longstanding intention to ensure that all home-killed meat is inspected before it leaves the Slaughterhouse. The main provisions are :—

- (a) Meat at slaughterhouses must be inspected.
- (b) Meat must not be removed from the slaughterhouses until it has been inspected.
- (c) Meat inspected and passed as fit for human consumption must be marked.
- (d) Local Authorities may charge for the inspection.
- (e) The minimum period of notice of slaughter is extended from three hours to 24 hours.

It may be of interest to note that all carcasses and parts of carcasses passed fit for human consumption must remain in the slaughterhouse until they have been marked by stamp by your Public Health Inspectors. No. specific form of mark is prescribed but it is suggested, that this should give the name of the Local Authorities and a code letter to identify the Officer. The size of the stamp should not exceed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. This method of marking the carcass has proved quite successful since introduction, but again makes more demand on the time of your inspectors.

The Regulations permit Local Authorities to make charges for inspection of animals at rates not exceeding :—

2/6d. per bovine animal.

6d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep, lamb or goat.

#### Details of Whole Carcasses Condemned or Destroyed.

Carcass and Organs of :—

			Tons	Cwts.	Sts.	lbs.
2 Pigs	General Oedema	.. ..			7	12
1 Lamb	Joint ill	.. ..			2	7
1 Sheep	Moribund Condition	..			2	2
1 Pig	Moribund Condition	..			3	3
1 Pig	Septicaemia	.. ..			6	6
4 Sheep	Bruising and Oedema	..		1	7	1
2 Pigs	Extensive Bruising	.. ..		1	5	3
1 Pig	Arthritis and Emaciation	..		1	2	10
—			—	—	—	—
13	Total Weight	.. ..	—	7	5	4
—			—	—	—	—

### Summary of Carcasses and Offals Condemned.

13 Carcasses and organs
13 Bovine heads and tongues
13 Pig heads and tongues
2 Sheep heads and tongues
39 Bovine lungs
51 Sheep lungs
59 Pig lungs
7 Bovine hearts
3 Sheep hearts
10 Pig Hearts
77 Bovine livers
59 Sheep livers
36 Pig livers
19 Pig plucks
5 Sheep plucks
11 Bovine intestines
28 Pig intestines
2 Bovine udders
7 Bovine portions of fore or hindquarters
9 Sheep portions of fore or hindquarters
6 Pig portions of fore or hindquarters

	Tons	Cwts.	Sts.	lbs.
<b>Total Weight</b>	— 1 —	— 16 —	— 5 —	— 13 —

### Emergency Slaughter.

During the year 59 animals were admitted to the Slaughterhouse as casualties for emergency slaughter.

# Carcases Inspected and Condemned, 1964.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Dressed carcases received .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number killed (if known) .. ..	1,345	15	13	3,619	1,183	0
Number inspected .. ..	1,345	15	13	3,619	1,183	0
<i>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</i>						
Whole carcases condemned .. ..	0	0	0	6	7	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned .. ..	133	9	1	128	128	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ..	9.88	60.00	7.69	3.53	10.82	0
<i>Tuberculosis only.</i>						
Whole carcases condemned .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned .. ..	2	0	0	0	26	0
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis .. ..	0.14	0	0	0	2.19	0
<i>Cysticercosis carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .. ..</i>						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Summary of other Food condemned.

The undermentioned food submitted for examination was found to be unfit for human consumption and following surrender of same was destroyed.

47 tins meat	1 tin fruit juice
154 tins fruit	1 tin cheese
40 tins vegetables	4 jars jam
4 tins milk	3 jars pickle
9 tins rice	15 jars salad
9 tins fish	800 lb. apples
12 tins soup	44 lb. bacon
7 tins pudding	1 chicken (3 lb. 14 oz.)
5 tins cream	1 hind quarter Veal (27 lbs.)
5 lbs. mincemeat	15½ lbs. cod fillet

### **Clean Air Act, 1956.**

There are only three factory chimneys within the Urban District and consequently the amount of air pollution from industry is very small.

Observations have been made of the above chimneys and representations have been made to the management concerned when excessive smoke emissions have been noted.

### **Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.**

Two licences to use land as sites for caravans have been issued by the Local Authority during the year. One is for the extension to the caravan site at the rear of Standard House, High Street, this site will now accommodate 11 caravans.

The other new licence for 12 caravans has been issued for land at the rear of Railway Hotel, High Street.

The Council have attached conditions to the site licences similar to those of the Model Standards.

### **Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.**

The work of Rodent control is carried out by a Part-time operator and all repression work is done by methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The work is divided into three main categories :—

- (1) Sewer Maintenance Treatment.
- (2) Business Premises.
- (3) Dwelling Houses—complaints from occupiers.

### **Sewer maintenance :**

Two treatments were carried out during the year and the results obtained indicate that there was only a small infestation of rats in the sewers.

### Business Premises :

During the year the Local Authority decided to give a free service to occupiers of all business premises for the eradication of rats and mice and so bring all properties in line with dwelling houses.

### Dwelling Houses :

The Council continued to give a free service to occupiers of private dwelling houses for the eradication of rats and mice.

The following table indicates the rodent control work carried out during the year :—

For the 12 months commencing 1st January, 1964, and ending 31st December, 1964, the following infestations have been dealt with :—

	Type of Property				
	L.A. Premises	Houses	Agricultural Property	Business Premises	Total
No of properties in L.A. District	6	2,377	37	410	2,830
No. of Properties (Major) found to be infested by Rats	2	—	—	—	2
(Minor)	1	53	—	—	54
No of Properties found to be infested by mice .. ..	—	11	—	5	16
No of Visits made to above	67	657	2	53	779
No of Treatments executed by L.A. including re-treatment	3	64	—	5	72

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

This new Act came into operation in 1963 and makes provision for the health, safety and welfare of persons working in Offices, Shops and certain Railway premises.

Section 60 of the above Act required every Local Authority to produce an Annual Report and to keep a copy of the Report at their Office. I have prepared this Report from the information supplied by the occupiers of the premises concerned on the Forms O.S.R.1. From this information the following extracts were prepared. It will be appreciated that until inspections have been made of all premises the totals will not necessarily be correct.

	(1) Class of Premises	(2) No. of premises regd. during the year	(3) Total No. of regd. premises at end of year	(4) No. of regd. premises receiving a general insp. during year.
TABLE A REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS	Offices	43	43	Nil
	Registration	51	51	1
	Wholesale shops, ware- houses	4	4	Nil
	Catering establishments open to the public canteens	5	5	Nil
	Fuel storage depots	2	2	Nil

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NUMBER OF  
VISITS TO ALL  
KINDS BY  
INSPECTORS  
TO REGISTERED  
PREMISES

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	Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
TABLE C ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE	Offices	296
	Retail Shops	361
	Wholesale depts., warehouses	24
	Catering estab. open open to the public	63
	Canteens	—
	Fuel Storage depots	7
	TOTAL	751
	Total Males	304
	Total Females	447









